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SUBJECT: DRAGAN VISIT AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, MEPD ARRANGED FOR INVITATION FOR DIAMOND SHAMROCK TO ATTEND LUNCHEON GIVEN BY CLEVELAND TRUST BANK FOR DRAGON GROUP. ALSO LEARNED FROM DIAMOND SHAMROCK THAT V.P. THOMAS CROSS IS NOW IN EUROPE AND WILL BE IN LUBJANA JUNE 12 OR 13 WHERE HE WILL CONTACT PREMUR.

2. DRAGAN GROUP IS PLANNING TO VISIT DUPONT IN WILMINGTON ON JUNE 11. MEPD COORDINATED WITH USYEC IN ARRANGING INVITATIONS FOR STAUFER, MOBIL, ALLIED CHEMICAL, PFIZER, BORDEN, CELANESE AND UNION CARBIDE TO USYEC LUNCHEON IN DRAGAN'S HONOR ON JUNE 13.

3. WE HAD DIFFICULTY IN COORDINATING WITH DRAGAN GROUP SINCE INDIVIDUAL YUGOSLAV CONSULATES ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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HANDLING ALMOST ALL ARRANGEMENTS. ALSO, REF A,
FIRST NOTICE OF TRIP TO MEPD, WAS RECEIVED AFTER
DRAGAN ARRIVED. REGRET WE COULD NOT DO MORE THAN
ARRANGE LUNCHEON INVITATIONS. WE ARE PLEASED THAT
CHOICE OF IV GRANTEE INVOLVED MAJOR PROJECT
CONSIDERATIONS AND SUGGEST THAT EARLY INVOLVEMENT
IN ITINERARY PLANNING BY MEPD COULD BRING MAXIMUM
COMMERCIAL BENEFIT FROM FUTURE VISITS. KISSINGER

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